

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 8, 1964

January 8, 1964

Meeting called to order at 4 P.M. by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Present: Cutler, Darling, Dunnings, Gannon, Goodman, Haruska, Lundberg, Lyons, Slowey, Wharton—10.

Absent: Frankel, Lett—2.

II. Minutes of meeting of December 12, 1963 approved as read.

III. Petitions and grievances: Dunnings reported communication of person picked up and released without charge. Gannon pointed out law enforcement difficulties. Chairman referred matter to Public Relations Committee.

IV. Communications: Chairman reported budget had been sent to Council, and delegated budget committee to communicate with Councilman Buhl about amendments to Human Relations Ordinance.

V. Standing Committees:

A. Employment: Dunnings and Haruska discussed hiring and promotion policies of Olds and Fisher as this affects minority groups.

B. Housing: Dunnings—no report.

C. Education: Gannon—presented list of questions and asked for further suggestions from committee of whole. The committee will compose a statement on the basis of this list.

D. Research and public relations: Wharton reported on meeting with East Lansing human relations commissioners and others concerned with Urbandale conditions.

VI. New Business: Gannon discussed neighborhood groups as a citizens key to better human relations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 13, 1964

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Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Vice Chairman Wharton.

I. Present: Cutler, Darling, Dunnings, Frankel, Goodman, Lett, Slowey, Wharton—8.

Absent: Gannon, Haruska, Lundberg, Lyons—4.

Motion: To officially excuse those absent by Goodman—Carried.

II. Minutes of meeting of January 8, 1964 read and approved.

III. Communications: Letter from Michigan Catholic Conference including statement on civil rights. Secretary directed to place letter on file and write letter of commendation.

IV. Old Business:

A. Chairman asked members to briefly discuss their speaking engagements on behalf of committee during past month.

B. Meeting with Mayor Willard I. Bowerman to discuss budget as presented in December reported by Dunnings. Mayor was present and commented on discussion with City Council.

C. Lloyd Head of city purchasing office, reported that anti-discrimination clause is being included on contracts, but not purchase orders.

Motion: That City Attorney be asked for opinion as to whether purchase orders shall include non-discrimination clause: by Dunnings. Carried.

Cutler designated to contact City Attorney.

D. Wharton reported on program for State Civil Rights Commissioners of February 3.

E. Cutler presented job specifications for position of director.

City of Lansing

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Executive Director

Rate of Pay

\$10,500 to \$12,500

Kind of Work

Professional and administrative work in the field of human relations.

Qualification Requirements

(1) Several years of successful experience in the inter-group relations field, and

(2) Graduation from a four-year college or university with major in Social Sciences; plus at least one year of specialized graduate work applicable to the above field.

Typical Activities of the Director

Makes investigations of problems affecting individuals and or minority groups and writes reports on findings.

Makes investigations concerning complaints received involving matters of discrimination against individuals and/or minority groups and writes reports on findings; documents cases.

Prepares and delivers speeches on matters relating to human relations.

Performs research and evaluates data in areas of administrative interest.

Conducts educational programs for school teachers, law enforcement officers, and other interest groups in human relations matters.

Prepares, edits, selects, assembles, and distributes human relations educational material.

Assists in the formulation of recommendations on policy matters to be made to the Human Relations Committee.

Participates in conferences and assists in the performance of mediation service in cases involving the civil rights interests of individuals and/or minority groups.

Assists in the implementation of human relations projects, such as a neighborhood stabilization program.

Performs related work as required.

Nature of Work

This is professional work involving administrative responsibility in the field of human relations. The employee is responsible for the development and implementation of a program of (1) investigation, education and counseling in matters involving discrimination against individuals and/or minority groups; (2) activities leading to the integration and to the attainment and preservation of the civil rights of individuals and/or minority groups; (3) research and analysis of problems affecting the racial, cultural, religious and ethnic groups of the community.

The employee works within the areas of activities determined by the policies of the Human Relations Committee. Supervision is exercised over one or more employees.

Requirements of Work

Extensive knowledge of the psychological and social forces involved in the integration of minority groups into the economy and culture of a community.

Thorough knowledge of the economic forces at work in the community that affect the welfare of minority groups.

Thorough knowledge of community resources that can be utilized to further the objectives of the Human Relations Ordinance.

Thorough knowledge of civil rights legislation.

Ability to maintain objective standards in the evaluation and handling of cases requiring official action.

Ability to work with people.

Ability to collect and analyze social and economic data and to prepare reports.

Ability to speak and write effectively.

Motion to accept Job Specifications as proposed and amended—by Dunnings.

Carried.

Committee concurred in commending Cutler for research and final report.

V. Standing Committees:

A. Public Relations: Wharton—

1. Presented speakers for Michigan Catholic Conference Job Training Center. Mr. Fred Hanses, Manager, Michigan Employment Security Commission gave background of formation of the Job Training Center. Mr. John Gaffney, director of Job Training center discussed its program of recruitment, basic education, vocational training, job placement, employment and counseling as proposed for 300 unskilled, unemployed persons.

2. Motion: Committee contact police department and ask where this committee fits into the department's in-service training program, announced as including human relations: By Darling, Carried.

B. Education: No report.

C. Housing: Dunnings—members of housing committee will attend meeting of Churchill Downs Community Council as official representatives on February 14. Reported on efforts to obtain opinion from State Attorney General Office on validity of local housing ordinances. Presented affidavit from a citizen who had been denied housing in a new apartment development by its manager and informed "We do not rent to colored."

D. Employment—Cutler: Proposed letters to all local unions to discuss employment—problems of minority groups.

VI. New Business:

1. Goodman proposed presence of at least one member of committee at each Council meeting. Chairman designated following for coming month:

February 17—Cutler

February 24—Darling

March 2—Slowey

March 9—Lett.

2. Dunnings expressed concern about defacto segregation in Lansing schools.

VIII. Adjournment at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 12, 1964

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll call—Present: Darling, Dunnings, Gannon, Goodman, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg, Lyons, Slowey—9.

Absent: Cutler, Frankel, Wharton—3.

II. Minutes of meeting of February 13, 1964 read and approved.

III. Petitions: A Petition from Lawrence Lawson, Jr., an employee of Boys Vocational School, referred by Chairman to Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

IV. Communications: Letter from Daniel Bodwin, City Personnel Director, acknowledging receipt of job specifications for a director for the Committee.

V. Standing Committees:

A. Education: Gannon—presented a letter to be addressed to the Lansing Board of Education. Discussion followed. Motion to approve letter as amended—by Dunnings.

Carried.

B. Employment: Haruska pointed out that 13 UAW organized plants in Lansing do not employ Negroes, therefore letters to unions proposed at last meeting should also be sent to management.

C. Housing: Dunnings—reported that he had forwarded affidavit filed at last meeting to Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

Motion that Michigan Civil Rights Commission be notified that this is a petition of the Lansing Human Relations Committee—by Letts.

Carried.

D. Research and Public Relations: Lundberg announced coming meeting with Police and Fire Board.

VI. New Business:

Motion—Related groups be invited to our meetings to share their concerns—by Darling.

Carried.

Letts proposed we go on record in favor of terminating Lincoln Center. Chairman delegated Letts and Dunnings to compose letter Michigan Week proclamation proposed by Gannon.

VII. Old Business:—Members reported on their attendance at Council meetings. The following volunteered to represent the committee at these council meetings.

March 16—Dunnings

March 23—Lundberg

March 30—Goodman

April 7—Slowey

VIII. Adjournment at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 9, 1964

I. Meeting called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

II. Present: Cutler, Darling, Dunnings, Frankel, Gannon, Goodman, Lett, Lundberg, Slowey, Wharton—10.

Absent: Haruska, Lyons—2.

III. Minutes of meeting of March 12, 1964 approved as published in city council proceedings of March 23, 1964.

IV. Petitions:

By Letts—a notarized petition from Arthur Lewis concerning employment at Olds. Referred to employment committee for report at next meeting.

By Dunnings—report of a minor being handcuffed and roughly treated by police in connection with an accident involving younger child. Referred to research and public relations committee.

V. Communications:

A. Notes of meeting of Lansing Interfaith Council and City Department Heads. Placed on file with correspondence.

B. Invitation from Greater Lansing Coordinating Council on Human Rights co-sponsor a Greater Lansing Human Rights Institute May 16, 1964. Motion to co-sponsor by Letts.

Carried.

C. Letter from Alfred Cowles, Grand Rapids regarding Annual Conference for Human Relations Commissioners October 24, 1964. Placed on file.

D. Copy of letter to City Council from Community Services Council urging budget and staff for committee.

VI. Standing committees:

A. Housing—Dunnings:

1. Receipt of complaint against Walter Neller Realtors.

2. Receipt of a proposed ordinance for study concerning housing from Greater Lansing Coordinating Council on Human Rights. Copies given to each member for study.

3. Proposed a letter to local apartment projects asking for viewpoints on open occupancy.

B. Education—Gannon: will forward recommendation to Board of Education. Announced plans to invite recreation department and Lincoln Center Board representatives to next meeting.

C. Employment—Cutler: is drawing up questionnaire to be sent to employers and unions.

D. Research and public relations—Wharton: reported on meeting with Police Chief Stragier re: complaint of Ronald McFadden, resulting in a denial of charges listed in affidavit of complainant. Representatives of police department will attend National Institute on Police and Community Relations.

The following proposed research design was presented as the results of joint discussions with representatives of the Lansing Planning Board, Michigan State University, Lansing Junior College and the Lansing Human Relations Committee. The estimated cost (by MSU) of this survey is \$5,000.00. A discussion of sources of funds for this followed.

HOUSING DISPLACEMENT—ROUTE OF I-496—LANSING

PROPOSED RESEARCH DESIGN

There are three major points which need to be investigated. These are:

1. The market or what is available to be sold or rented. It is possible that this may be found out from the FHA office or banks, contractors, Public Housing administrators, urban renewal, or city planners may also have information on the number and types (and cost) of houses that are available. Look into the possibility that there may be new housing developments which may soon be constructed; this may make more homes available. It is possible that the market may be divided into two categories:

a. FHA, which should be open occupancy.

b. Those which are not available to minority groups.

2. There must be consideration given to the qualifications which banks and other financial institutions say individuals must have before they can qualify to buy homes. This is usually the salary of the husband. A list should be compiled which indicates the requirements that these financial institutions say that home buyers must have. What is the criteria used to grant loans? How much income must a person have before the bank will consider him a good credit risk?

3. The individuals who are going to be displaced. Here we must look at at least two major kinds of characteristics:

a. The financial: What is their income? What is their credit rating? How many people are involved in each family?

b. The personal or subjective aspect: Where do they want to move? What types of neighborhoods? How far from their job? What kind of neighbors do they want? In short, what are the characteristics which the people consider as appropriate and necessary in a place to live?

Finally, how do the people, in financial ability and personal interests, match the

demands of the market and of the financial institutions?

VII. New Business:

Following a discussion of public remarks of city councilmen, concerning this committee's need for a director, the chairman assigned to the Research and Public Relations sub-committee the preparation of a public statement. The Chairman is to contact the city council for a meeting with their committee of The Whole.

VII. Old Business:

Resolution concerning continuation of Lincoln Center Program presented by Dunnings.

A. Motion to refer resolution to Education and Recreation committee by Goodman.

Carried.

B. The following volunteered to represent the committee at these council meetings.

April 20—Gannon

April 27—Frankel

May 4—Slowey

May 11—Wharton

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 14, 1964

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M.
by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll call—present: Frankel, Gannon,
Goodman, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg, Lyons,
Slowey, Wharton—9.

Absent: Cutler, Darling, Dunning—3.

II. Minutes of meeting of April 9, 1964
read and approved as published.

III. Petitions and grievances: None.

IV. Communications:

1. Letter from O.S. Civil Rights Commission asking information about this committee to be answered by secretary and placed on file.

2. Oral communication from a councilman to chairman indicates support of plans for I-96 relocation survey.

3. Communication from applicant for position of Human Relations director. To be acknowledged and placed on file until application forms are prepared.

4. Recommendation of an applicant placed on file.

V. Standing Committees:

A. Employment: Haruska—reported on investigation of grievance filed at last meeting and concluded this was not a case of racial discrimination.

B. Housing: No report.

C. Education: Lundberg reported meeting with school administration staff. As result of our communications, a questionnaire for all Lansing school principals is being developed. Results and summary will be presented at our June meeting.

D. Research and Public Relations: no report.

VI. New Business:

A. Chairman urged preparations to hire executive. Recommended that all subcommittee chairmen (Dunning, Gannon, Wharton, Cutler) function to screen applicants subject to approval of Committee of The Whole.

B. Lundberg and Darling to represent committee at Lansing Ministerial Association meeting May 28.

VII. Old Business:

A. Haruska expressed concern over the 17 plants in area that do not hire non-whites.

B. Gannon introduced Mr. C. Hayden and Mr. H. Kipke of Parks and Recreation Department. They pointed out that their program deal with minority groups in other areas than Lincoln Center. That center was set up because of need and was the first and only center for past 20 years. They plan more community recreation centers in west side. Pleasant View, Gier Park and Hunter Park areas to be placed on basis of need and to serve 25,000 population areas. The services of Lincoln Center will be moved, not yet certain where. They concluded that the north end of city has the greatest unmet need for service.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 11, 1964

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll Call—Present: Cutler, Darling, Dunning, Frankel, Gannon, Goodman, Lundberg, Slowey, Wharton.

Absent: Haruska, Lett, Lyons.

II. Minutes of meeting of May 14, 1964 approved as published in City Council Proceedings of May 25, 1964.

III. Petitions and grievances: None.

IV. Communications:

1. From Lansing Community College thanking Mrs. Goodman for participation in civil rights program.

2. From Forest Averill concerning study requested by committee. School administrators to meet with us after arrival of new Superintendent.

3. From D. Bodwin, City Personnel Director, concerning applications form for position of executive director and screening procedures.

4. Lundberg has filed request for office space in City Hall by July 1, 1964 with City Council Building and Properties committee.

5. Robert Earl, state highway department geographer requested meeting with committee re: I-496 relocation. Appraisals will begin November, purchasing first of year, moving within 6 months.

V. Committee reports.

A. Employment—Cutler: No report.

B. Housing—Dunning: has received further complaints of discrimination. Darling expressed concern about multiplicity of groups working in housing area. Urged—we try to combine efforts.

Motion: Housing committee establish an open housing registry—by Goodman.

Carried.

C. Research and public relations—Wharton: reported on meeting with City Council and subsequent communications with several interested parties. Presented an offer from MSU graduate student to conduct at no charge phases one and two of proposed study.

Motion: Research committee contact City Council to request meeting with MSU and committee to re-submit budget request by Wharton.

Carried.

D. Education—Gannon: Information requested of schools is being gathered. Discussion of Board of Education's policy statement on equal educational opportunity of May, 1964.

VI. New business: None.

VII. Old business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 9, 1964

July 9, 1964

I. Roll Call: Present: Cutler, Lundberg, Slowey, Gannon, Haruska, Dunning, Lett—7.

Absent: Darling, Frankel, Goodman, Wharton, Lyon—5.

II. Minutes of meeting of June 11, 1964 approved as published in City Council Proceedings of May 25, 1964.

III. Petitions and grievances: None.

IV. Communications:

Mr. Lundberg reported upon meetings he had had with the City Council, Michigan State University representatives, and several meetings conducted with Citizen Groups pertaining to the proposed I 496 relocation study.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Research and Public Relations:

It was moved by the Human Relations Committee that they will accept recommendations from all interested parties or citizens of Lansing concerning the development of a questionnaire, for the proposed I 496 study. The committee, however, will take full responsibility for the direction, development, and procedure for the I 496 study and for the direction of the agency employed.

B. Education:

The Human Relations Committee will

meet with the Lansing Board of Education on July 15 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 419 N. Capitol Avenue in room 210.

C. Employment:

No report.

D. Housing:

No report.

VI. New Business:

A. Kiwanis Club requested a speaker from our Committee for their August 6 program.

B. Lansing Public Schools invited the Human Relations Committee to their Pre-school Administrators conference.

C. Motion:

The Human Relations Committee recommends to the Lansing City Council and the Park Board that every consideration be given concerning the immediate addition of a full-time staff person to work with Mr. Richard Lett—by Lett.

VII. Old Business:

None.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, July 23, 1964

Meeting called to order at 4 P.M. by
Chairman Lundberg.

I. Roll call—Present: Cutler, Dunnings,
Goodman, Haruska, Lett, Lundberg, Slowey
—7.

Absent: Darling, Frankel, Gannon,
Lyons, Wharton—5.

II Minutes of meeting of July 9, 1964
read and approved.

III Petitions: none.

IV Communications: None.

V Reports of Committees: None.

VI New Business: Motion by Goodman
to establish neighborhood Improvement
Councils.

Carried.

Referred to the Research and Public
Relations Committee.

VII Old Business: Haruska moved that we
authorize the research committee to co-
operate with the N.A.A.C.P. in working
out a survey. There was a discussion of
ways of achieving the purposes of the re-
location survey.

Carried.

VIII Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 13, 1964

I. Roll Call—Present: Cutler, Frankel, Gannon, Goodman, Lett, Lundberg, Slowey, Wharton—8.

Absent: Darling, Dunning, Haruska, Lyons—4.

II Minutes of meeting of July 23, 1964 approved.

III Petitions and Grievances: A letter from the Police Department relative to investigation of an incident concerning a Fire Department statement.

IV Communications:

1. A letter of appreciation from the Kiwanis Club for speakers.
2. Communication from Mr. Partington asking the committee to take part in a school administrators conference September 1 at St. Mary's Lake.

V Reports of Committees:

A. Employment: Cutler discussed laundromat regulations and condemnation of unsafe buildings.

B. Housing—no report.

C. Education: Gannon—

1. Awaiting a report from School Admini-

stration on Recommendation No. 11 relative to in-service training of teachers.

2. Curfew law being evaluated.

3. Probate court information being studied.

D. Research and Public Relations.

Wharton—

1. Report of meetings with Police official and citizens of the community from which recommendations were made to communicate with the Lansing Board of Education and administration regarding the inclusion of the involvement of the police department in the life of the community and citizenship responsibilities of all as part of the curriculum.
2. Report of a meeting with interested parties concerning a questionnaire for the proposed I-496 survey. It was decided that efforts in this direction be withheld at this time.

VI Old Business: None.

VII New Business: Goodman reported that the office furniture was ordered.

Adjournment at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, September 10, 1964

I. Roll Call

Present: Darling, Dunnings, Frankel, Gannon, Goodman, Lett, Lunberg, Lyons, Slowey, Wharton—10.

Absent: Cutler, Haruska—2.

II. Minutes—Minutes of meeting of August 13 approved as printed in Council minutes of August 23, 1964.

III. Petitions and grievances—None.

IV. Communications—Annual report of Baginaw Human Relations Committee. Given to Education Chairman.

V. Committee Reports—

A. Education: Gannon—Report of actions on various recommendations of citizens group. Discussed sources of funds for educational improvement for culturally deprived. Also presented some view points of local school administrators about minority group educational problems—

1. That complex problems are present.
2. We don't have the facts.
3. We hope for funds to study these facts and acknowledged that there are no easy answers.

B. Employment: No report. A "Laundromat" Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

C. Housing: Dunnings—

1. Building codes are being enforced.

2. A meeting is planned with the Board of Realtors concerning I 496 displacement of families. Lett suggested including Negro agents in these meetings.

D. Research and Public Relations: Wharton—Presented a progress report on the recommendations of citizen group. Has made recommendations to Lansing School System and Lansing Police Department and has communicated with the Probate Court and State Corrections Department concerning these various proposals.

VI. New Business—

A. Dunnings recommended that this committee study Civilian Review Boards.

B. Director Mateer reported on his current activities and his investigation of additional citizens group recommendations. He is receiving many calls and gathering a display of human relations materials.

C. Dunnings recommended we sponsor a Career Carnival.

D. Motion: The secretary of the director be appointed Secretary of Committee and the Committee accept Mrs. Goodman's resignation as Secretary.

Carried.

VII. Old Business—None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY GOODMAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 12, 1964

Meeting called to order by chairman Lundberg at 4:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call—Present: Gannon, Cutler, Lundberg, Lyons, Darling, Goodman, Haruska, Letts, Dunning, Wharton, Frankel—11.

Absent: Slowey—1.

II. Minutes of meeting of October 8, 1964 read and discussed. Approved.

III. Petitions and grievances: Continued harassment of family brought to attention of Committee. Help has been asked relative to change of employment hours for man of the house.

Motion made that it be referred to Employment Committee. Carried.

IV. Communications: None.

V. Report of Committees:

A. Employment—Cutler: Have held no Sub-Committee meetings because of strike.

Suggested communications and questionnaires be prepared and sent to business, management and all labor organizations.

B. Housing—Dunnings: Gave report of fact-finding meeting held by Sub-Committee with Ass't. Programs Director for P.H.A., Real Estate Board, City Departments.

Meeting with various groups interested in Public Housing discussed.

Goodman: Suggest Citizens advisory committee.

C. Education—Gannon: Sub-Committee has not met. Will call meeting and set up an agenda for studying Education Report from Board of Education and have ready for special meeting of Committee to be held November 25 at 4:00 P.M.

D. Research and Public Relations—Wharton: Report given originally on October 8 concerning 1-496 Survey was read.

Mr. Bruce C. Brown, Michigan State University student has volunteered to prepare and organize interviewers. The proposed study area is an all inclusive one—Clippert Secretary.

on the East, Claire on the West and bounded by Main and St. Joseph.

Thirty-five people are organized and ready to start. Twenty-five copies will be available to Committee and should be completed in approximately one month. Included will be a study of the local housing market.

Discussion followed.

Motion made that report be adopted and survey be accepted. Carried.

E. Directors Report—Mateer: Asked direction from Committee regarding conference in New York. Letter had been forwarded from Mr. Reisig regarding conference and Mr. Reisig was called in to explain the purpose and importance of the conference.

Motion was made to leave the attendance of the conference to the discretion of the Director. Carried.

Annual Report of the Committee discussed.

VI. Old Business: Coin operated Laundry-mat Ordinance brought before the Committee and discussed. Changes had been suggested within the Ordinance.

Motion made that Committee pursue proper procedure pertaining to Ordinance.

Carried.

VII. New Business: Meeting held open for election of officers for the coming year.

Mr. Lundberg and Mrs. Wharton were unanimously elected for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Motion was made to extend a vote of thanks to both Mr. Lundberg and Mrs. Wharton for their time, hard work and unremitting effort concerning the affairs of the Committee during the past year.

Carried.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH N. CHASTINE,

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 10, 1964

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call—Present: Frankel, Lyons, Wharton, Lundberg, Goodman, Gannon, Dunnings, Darling—8.

Absent: Cutler, Haruska, Letts, Slowey—4.

II. Minutes of meeting of November 12, 1964 read and approved.

III. Petitions and grievances: Follow-up report from Director on harrassed family.

Dunnings: Complaint from a mother concerning treatment of child following fall at school.

Matter turned over to Director for investigation.

IV. Communications: Letter from Michigan Coin-Operated Laundry Association and copy of Letter sent to Mayor Bowerman and City Council concerning Laundry-Mat Ordinance.

V. Report of Committees:

A. Employment—None.

B. Housing—Dunnings: Report given of a meeting held Tuesday, December 8, to discuss the availability of adequate housing for citizens with low to medium income and to gain information about the possible housing problems confronting the community due to past and future displacement of families. Various organizations were represented at the meeting.

A recommendation was made by the Sub-Committee on Housing that a meeting be held with the Mayor and City Council to recommend that a Housing Authority or Commission be appointed to study the housing situation. Motion was made to do same.

Carried.

C. Education—Gannon: A list of questions compiled by the Education Sub-Committee and Committee of The Whole were read and discussed. Additions and corrections were suggested. The Sub-Committee will meet again to complete the list and bring it before the Committee of The Whole for approval. A letter to the School Board will then be drafted requesting a meeting to discuss the questions.

D. Research and Public Relations—Wharton: A report was given of a meeting with the I-496 interviewers and Bruce Brown where instructions were given (both oral and written) and materials and badges were handed out.

The Committee was asked to involve themselves more completely and volunteers from the Committee were requested to help in areas not completely covered.

Interviewers are to be called to find out how they are doing and if help is needed. The Survey should be finished in December and an evaluation and compilation will begin by Mr. Brown.

Mrs. Wharton expressed thanks to the communications media for their excellent cooperation in informing the public of the survey.

VI. New Business:

Goodman—Recommended that the Human Relations Committee contact the committee responsible for the Economic Opportunity Act and offer our willingness to participate.

Motion made. Carried.

Mr. Louis Ervin, Executive Director of Fair Employment Practices of Minneapolis was introduced.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH N. CHASTINE,
Secretary.